V_{EF} means the speed at which the critical engine is assumed to fail during takeoff.

 $ilde{V}_F$ means design flap speed.

 $V_{FO}M_{FC}$ means maximum speed for stability characteristics.

 V_{FE} means maximum flap extended speed.

 V_{FTO} means final takeoff speed.

 V_H means maximum speed in level flight with maximum continuous power.

 V_{LE} means maximum landing gear extended speed.

 V_{LO} means maximum landing gear operating speed.

 V_{LOF} means lift-off speed.

 V_{MC} means minimum control speed with the critical engine inoperative.

 V_{MO}/M_{MO} means maximum operating limit speed.

 V_{MU} means minimum unstick speed. V_{NE} means never-exceed speed.

 V_{NO} means maximum structural cruising speed.

 V_R means rotation speed.

 V_{REF} means reference landing speed.

 V_S means the stalling speed or the minimum steady flight speed at which the airplane is controllable.

 V_{S0} means the stalling speed or the minimum steady flight speed in the landing configuration.

 $V_{\rm SI}$ means the stalling speed or the minimum steady flight speed obtained in a specific configuration.

 V_{SR} means reference stall speed.

 V_{SRO} means reference stall speed in the landing configuration.

 V_{SR1} means reference stall speed in a specific configuration.

 V_{SW} means speed at which onset of natural or artificial stall warning occurs.

 $V_{\textit{TOSS}}$ means takeoff safety speed for Category A rotorcraft.

 V_X means speed for best angle of climb.

 V_{Y} means speed for best rate of climb.

 V_I means the maximum speed in the takeoff at which the pilot must take the first action (e.g., apply brakes, re-

duce thrust, deploy speed brakes) to stop the airplane within the accelerate-stop distance. $V_{\rm I}$ also means the minimum speed in the takeoff, following a failure of the critical engine at $V_{\rm EF}$, at which the pilot can continue the takeoff and achieve the required height above the takeoff surface within the takeoff distance.

 V_2 means takeoff safety speed.

 V_{2min} means minimum takeoff safety speed.

VFR means visual flight rules.

VHF means very high frequency.

 \emph{VOR} means very high frequency omnirange station.

VORTAC means collocated VOR and TACAN.

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§ 1.3 Rules of construction.

- (a) In Subchapters A through K of this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:
- (1) Words importing the singular include the plural;
- (2) Words importing the plural include the singular; and
- (3) Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine.
- (b) In Subchapters A through K of this chapter, the word:
- (1) Shall is used in an imperative sense;
- (2) May is used in a permissive sense to state authority or permission to do the act prescribed, and the words "no person may * * *" or "a person may not * * *" mean that no person is required, authorized, or permitted to do the act prescribed; and
- (3) *Includes* means "includes but is not limited to".

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